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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERARE OF TRILATERAL COMMISSION MEETING AND COOPER
PRESS CONFERENCE

1. TRILATERAL COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS IN TOKYO HAVE BEEN

RECEIVING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ON ECONOMIC PAGES OF LEADING
JAPANESE LANGUAGE DAILIES. COOPER PRESS CONFERENCE OF
JANUARY 11 HAS ALSO RECEIVED FRONT-PAGE NOTICE IN ENGLISH
LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS AND IN NIHON KEIZAI.

2. TRILATERAL COMMISSION THEMES ARE DESCRIBED AS:

(A) IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S., JAPAN
AND EUROPE; (B) NEED TO EXPAND WORLD ECONOMY AND RESTRAIN
TRADE PROTECTIONISM, AND (C) NEED TO ASSIST ECONOMICALLY
WEAK COUNTRIES THROUGH EXPANSION OF JAPANESE, U.S. AND
FRG ECONOMIES.

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3. REPORTING ON COOPER PRESS INTERVIEW DESCRIBED HIM AS

UNDER SECRETARY-DESIGNATE. HE IS REPORTED AS SAYING
CONTINUING JAPANESE TRADE SURPLUS PLACES A BURDEN ON
OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERLOOK AND
THAT JAPAN, U.S. AND WEST GERMANY AS MAJOR POWERS
SHOULD MAKE POSITIVE EFFORTS EXPAND BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED IN CONTEXT OF STRONGER
INDEPENDENT RELATIONS AMONG JAPAN, U.S. AND EUROPE,
SINCE THE PERIOD OF U.S.; "PSYCHOLOGICAL RULE"
HAS PASSED, AND JAPAN SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RUN TRADE
DEFICITS IN FUTURE.
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